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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jean-Louis Imbach *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/883,033  
Filed: June 15, 2001  
Title: 3'-Prodrugs of 2'-Deoxy- $\beta$ -L-Nucleosides

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 30, 2003


**Petition for Extension of Time**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002 in the above-identified application be extended for three months, to and including, April 30, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge this Petition fee, along with any other deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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